REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification as set forth in greater detail herein. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121, attached as Appendix A is a Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.

In view of all of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A

Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

In reference to the amendment made herein to specification, deletions appear as bracketed text, as indicated below:

In The Specification:

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Please replace paragraph [0002] which is at page 1, lines 8-17 of the above-identified patent application with the following paragraph:

Information, such as an audio stream, is sensitive to the loss of contiguous data. However, given the nature of an audio signal, if a limited number of nearby audio samples are lost, then interpolation may be used to mask these errors. Well-known techniques, such as the Cross-Interleaved Reed-Solomon Coding (CIRC) employed in audio CDs [as disclosed in, "CIRC – The error correcting code for the compact disc digital audio system" by Vries, L.B. and Odaka, K in AES Digital Audio Collected Papers, Rye, 1983 which is herein incorporated by reference,] have been developed to compensate for the loss of data in an audio stream. Unfortunately, CIRC is computationally intensive and it is static, i.e. it is not adaptable in real time to the nature of the errors.